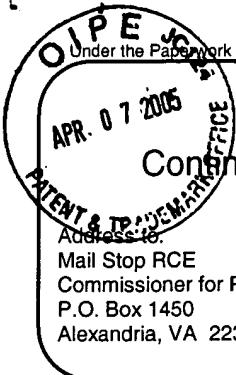


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<i>Filing Date</i>	12/18/97
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	David J. Schanzlin
<i>Art Unit</i>	3738
<i>Examiner Name</i>	David H. Willse
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	AT 2028.21

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This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action issued on September 1, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due December 1, 2004. On February 25, 2005, a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal were filed. In view of the filing of this Petition and Notice of Appeal, a response or other action is now due April 25, 2005. Accordingly, the application is currently pending and the accompanying RCE is timely filed. The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this Reply. The Remarks begin on page 4 of this Reply.